

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2013/14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program focuses on areas of the City with targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The program objective will be to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas that have deteriorated and are causing premature pavement failure. The overall goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the viability and aesthetics of our core existing neighborhoods.

This project is part of the 2013/14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. The project is to reconstruct the existing roadway on South Maple Avenue from South 4th Street to approximately 125' south of South 2nd Street. South Maple Avenue is in a targeted census tract where at least 51 percent of the residents have income at or below 80 percent of the Story County median income limits.

The South Maple Avenue project includes pavement reconstruction, curb/gutter and driveway approach replacement, infill of sidewalk along O'Neil Park, sidewalk ramp reconstruction at intersections, and sodding of all disturbed areas. This project is being bid with a base bid plus an alternate for an asphalt pavement section or a concrete pavement section. The project will be awarded based on the lowest cost of the base bid plus one of the pavement alternates. Additionally, a section of water main at the intersection of South 3rd and South Maple will also be replaced.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$459,907. The project will be financed with \$450,000 in CDBG funds along with \$30,000 from the 2013/14 Water System Improvements Program to cover the water main costs. Engineering and construction administration, estimated in an amount of \$69,000, will be financed by unobligated G.O. Bond funds since CDBG funds may not be used for staff design and project inspection.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4th Street to approximately 125' south of South 2nd Street) by establishing August 21, 2013, as the date of letting and August 27, 2013, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the plans and specifications for this project, the City of Ames will continue to strengthen and improve core existing neighborhoods.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4th Street to approximately 125' south of South 2nd Street) by establishing August 21, 2013, as the date of letting and August 27, 2013, as the date for report of bids.